

house No. 3, be thrown into market, under the existing circumstances, it could not reasonably be expected to command a sum equal to its real value, owing to the great pressure of the money market. Your Committee, further suggest, the propriety of discontinuing the practice of branding the hogsheads "Maryland Tobacco." From all the information they can collect, on this subject, they are of opinion that the expense thus incurred, to the State, is unwarranted by any equivalent advantage. The character of Maryland tobacco, does not now, as heretofore, command a higher price in Foreign market, than that grown in other States, especially that grown in Ohio; and it is fairly to be presumed, that purchasers abroad will be governed more by the quality or value of the tobacco, than by any external brand on the hogshead.

Your Committee, would further respectfully suggest, the propriety of requesting the several Inspectors of Tobacco, to employ three hands, when not otherwise engaged, in repacking tobacco, which may have been stayed, for the want of being in good merchantable condition, then to inspect the same, and to give the owner samples, as he would have done, if it had not been stayed, and charge the owner for ordering and repacking the same, such price as may have been heretofore charged; and the money arising from repacking and ordering such tobacco, shall be accounted for by the Inspectors of the State, as the outage fee is.

Your Committee, regret that they cannot, at this time, recommend any change going to lessen the outage fee on Tobacco, in accordance with a suggestion contained in the last paragraph of the report from the committee on this subject, to the legislature at its last session. That committee recognized the propriety of having a sum to the credit of that fund in the Treasury, which would be sufficient at all times to meet the necessary expenses of inspection. Should